

Robert Ferguson House
636 Chestnut Hill Road
Newark Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Newark Vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Robert Ferguson House		HABS NO. DE-69
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 636 Chestnut Hill Road		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1790-1810	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) House characteristic of small scale vernacular architecture of the early 19th century. One of the few structures of the time period in northern Delaware that is still standing and in good condition. Reflects three periods of building techniques: late 18th century, early 19th century and 20th century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Main house (2 stories); center section (2 stories, one room; 20th century addition -- one story		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Main house -- asphalt siding, end chimney, box cornice, field stone foundation center addition -- end chimney		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Original molded door and window surrounds, baseboard trim, four paneled doors, and painted fireplace mantels		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES center addition - 1835 20th century addition (kitchen and bathroom)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Several additional buildings are on the property, all erected after 1948 including a garage, small machine shop and three small wooden sheds To be demolished, c. 1984		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION M. McDonald HABS Historian		DATE 7-31-84

CHAIN OF TITLE: ROBERT FERGUSON HOUSE

pre-1873	144 acres	Robert Ferguson
May 1, 1873		Jacob Currinder (by deed of inducture)
July 9, 1887		Robert J. A. Morrison (by Sheriff's sale)
Feb. 28, 1920		Jasper & Sarah Lynch
June 25, 1943	82.38 acres	Chester & Verna Ewing
Dec. 16, 1943	* 18.72 acres	Armour L. & Ada Church
June 8, 1948	4.9 acre	Webster and Alice Norvell, present deed listing although Alice Norvell was widowed and remarried to Mr. Weber, are the present occupants.

* Church sold an unspecified parcel to George Johnson
(a neighbor)

FERGUSON HOUSE (FRONT ELEVATION)

